

Sports Ramblings

With Bruce Hood



IN CONJUNCTION with Minor Hockey Week in Canada which began on Sunday, January 25th and ends this Saturday, the Milton Minor Hockey Association is holding minor hockey week in Milton, starting Sunday, February 1, and ending February 7.

- Don't Send—TAKE your boy to the arena.
- Keep Canada first—Support minor hockey.
- Keep a boy on ice and you'll keep him out of hot water.

With the above slogans in mind everybody in hockey from the top C.A.H.A. governing bodies right down to the youngest hockey player in the tykes league is in the process of celebrating Minor Hockey week. Some towns have church services in honor of the week while others have had parades and still others hockey tournaments.

The local scene however has something a little different in store what with a monster night planned for next Friday, January 6 when none other than Gordie Howe, the popular Detroit Red Wing star, will visit here along with Red Kelly and a couple more Wings. A lucky draw is being held with tickets on sale at present which entitle the holder to free admittance to the night and a chance on a \$50 bond plus other prizes.

A total of three games consisting of teams from the town's Saturday morning puck loops will see action in the early part of the night. Following this Howe, Kelly and company will be available for autographs and will also give an autographed stick to the lad selling the most tickets to the affair in each group.

The Rotary-sponsored Midget all stars will be into their playoffs by that time and a game of this calibre will follow at 8.30. The result of years of coaching in Milton's minor leagues will take to the ice for the big event of the evening when the Juvenile Sportsmen will take to the ice against Orangeville for the second game of their "B" playoff series for a group winner for the nightcap of what looks to be a fine evening's entertainment. A packed house is expected for the gala evening which received a terrific response last year in its first trial in Milton when some 800 people turned out to cheer the lads on.

The two top teams in each of the three leagues, Leafs and Detroit in the Pee Wees; Pittsburgh and Buffalo in the Bantam series with Ledwiths and Knights in the Midget loop were chosen to play on the night with the pee wees starting the show rolling at 6.10 p.m.

THE MERCHANTS' Intermediate hockey club is also celebrating minor hockey week in their own way and has invited all of the players in the minor leagues in town to attend their game here Tuesday night on a free ducat. Bradford, one of the top teams in the Central Ontario Intermediate league is scheduled to play here on that night and the starting time has been moved ahead to 8.00 p.m. for the occasion. The club executive has named the night Young Canada Night in Milton and has also invited the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, the Browns, Cubs, Rovers and all the rest to attend as guests of the club.

The club started to pick up lately, winning three of their last four contests, and has a tough route this weekend when they meet Collingwood who are fighting to beat Milton out of that month and last playoff spot in the league. Collingwood is here Friday and then the players travel up to the Georgian Bay town Saturday. Most of the clubs who play in Collingwood find themselves on the losing end with the ice surface there so much larger than the rest of the rinks, and the Styliners skating right around their opponents.

SPORTOPICS

Glancing through a newspaper file recently we noted in the November 20, 1947 issue that Father H. B. Smith had been elected president of the Intermediate hockey club for the 47-48 season with N. L. Pickett as vice-president. Ross Holmes and Gibb Ferguson were a part of the executive also with Ross Pearen secretary-treasurer. Dave Green was manager and a number of patrons to the club were also listed. Some of these were Stan Hall, M.P.P.; G. M. Keely; Judge W. N. Munro; G. C. Riddell; Mayor Heslop; and W. I. Dick. That was the first season Art Melanson came to Milton to play hockey. Joe McCann was injured in the Saturday Bradford game and had to leave early. Joe was hit on the knee by a puck he was attempting to block.

A Little N.H.L. hockey tournament has been arranged to be played at Milton Arena on Saturday, February 21. Teams from Milton, Orangeville, Toronto Township Police, Queensway and Faustinas are already entered to play. The group is called the West Metro division and this is the first year Milton has entered teams in the group. The second annual Rotary Figure Skating carnival has been scheduled for April 4th and would be a good date to keep open for a terrific night's entertainment. An Oshawa team is playing hockey against Ontario Steel of the Milton Industrial League Sunday night at 6.30 at the arena. The Oshawa team plays in the General Motors league down there. An individual in town took it upon themselves to borrow one of the pictures we have in our rogues' gallery at the arena and we would appreciate their returning it as soon as possible. Jack Price still leads the Central Ontario loop in scoring with 41 goals scored and 25 assists for a total of 66 points.

HOW ABOUT THAT: The woman driven to red to green in front of a traffic light. The light went from red to yellow and back to red again. When the green light went on again and still the woman's car didn't budge, the policeman came over and said, "What's the matter? Haven't we got any colors you like?"

Panthers Retaliate 5-2 Legion Plans Showdown

Murray Grenke's Panthers retaliated with a victory over their arch rivals Coates' Cubs Sunday at Milton Arena with a 5-2 setback they recorded. The game was a grudge match that was necessary when the Cubs had beaten the Panthers the week before.

Evans Tremendous
Lorne "Dooney" Evans returned to the nets in the time of need for Grenke's squad and was instrumental in the win, by coming up with some tremendous stops most of which hit him and couldn't get by.

Andy Graham passed the puck out from the corner, Jack Pearson banged at it followed by Murray Grenke driving it in for the Panthers' first marker. Graham added another minutes later when Don Anderson, goalie for the Cubs, was out peddling Canada Bred.

South Nets Pair
Don South shot from the side of the net and again found that hole between Gump's legs for a third Panther tally as Grenke had his crew calling for a victory. Laurie Durran evaded in on a breakaway and deked Evans in who went a bit too far to the left and had considerable trouble getting back between the pipes, allowing Ace plenty of time to slide the puck in the net.

for Coates' first tally. The count at 4-1, Don South let a drive go that caught the upper corner followed by Bruce Marshall tallying one after Socket Mills had let a drive go and Bruce had but to tip it in. Final score was 5-2 and now the two clubs will have a playoff this Sunday at two o'clock in an effort to decide the best club. There were very few assists in the game as only certain players carried the puck while the rest tried to get in on the honors, although standing at centre ice.

Art is Versatile
Fred Johnson, Frank Kaszycki and Bill Serafini were new turn-outs who aided the clubs in their fight. Murray Hood switched clubs for the day and appeared on the winning squad for the second week while Art Desjardine is again out on waivers after having played for each club at least twice in the two games.

SOUP SNUFFS BOMB
During the rioting in Algeria, a terrorist threw a bomb into a restaurant in which some French soldiers were eating. Landed in the troops, the missile landed in one soldier's bowl of soup. The fuse spluttered, then died out, and the bomb was removed to a safer destination.



ALL THE GOOD GIRLS love a sailor does not apply in this picture as all three of the Acton High School lassies show a partiality for hockey players. The players and girls are pictured prior to a game between Milton and Acton High School teams last Tuesday in Acton when Acton came out the victors 6-3. Play was stiff and at times rugged throughout the game but the referee kept things in order with the odd penalty. Pictured above left to right are: Ross McKersie, Milton, Dianne Newton, Bill Dawkins, Acton, Fred Keizer, Milton, Anne Daintith, Andy Williams, Acton, Doug Kelson, Milton, Don Lindsay, Acton and Nancy Skippen.

Crowd Watches Palermo Win 10-4 in Finals

Palermo Junior Farmers evaded the count in games in the Halton Junior Farmer league finals with a 10-4 win they posted over Milton at Milton arena Monday night. Milton had taken a one game lead the previous week in the first game of the playoffs with a 12-5 victory.

A larger crowd than has been out this season to date watched as Palermo took a 2-1 first period lead and remained in front 4-3 at the close of the middle session. Six goals in the final frame rounded things out for Palermo, who had finished third in league standings and had ousted Norval in the semi-finals.

Hedley Farrow opened the scoring in the first period with a shot that bounced over Milton's Letiche's shoulder and then Evkusy rolled past goalie John Fluk. Don Taylor made it 2-0 minutes later, shooting from a maze of players in front of the net. Graham Gillies waltzed in and drew goalie Ron Wetlauffer out, then passed to Doug Leriche, who had an open net to fire on and didn't miss.

Quickies for Buck
Buck Richardson, rugged rearguard for Palermo, netched a couple of quickies in the first two minutes of play to boost Palermo out in front with a 4-1 margin. Graham Gillies skirted the Palermo defense and went on to count Milton's second tally of the game and it was Gillies again who passed to Jim Learmont in front of the net to draw the locals closer at the end of the frame with a 4-3 count.

Milton tied the score briefly at the 13 second mark in the third period when John Willmott came through with a tally from a scramble in front of the net. Bob Marshall put Palermo back in front to stay minutes later, scoring on a pass play from Bill Marshall. Charlie Gillies, Dave Murray, Hedley Farrow and Bob Marshall then added goals in that order to cinch the Palermo victory.

Call 15 Minors
Referee Joe Fisher and Chips Sanvedo of Guelph officiated in the match and called a total of 15 minor penalties. The game was a mild affair compared to last week's with the clubs playing a little more puck and less body to keep the game interesting throughout.

Richardson Nets Pair
Pete Clancy and Lyle Cooney put the visiting Cubs in front 2-0 in the opening period as they overwhelmed the Milton squad who had trouble clearing the puck during the period.

Ron Hayward put Milton on the score sheet at the 7.40 mark in the second period with Gary Ellwood and Bill Brush the pair who set the puck up. Hard working Bill Richardson fired the tying goal with Orangeville a man short minutes later and then worked the puck into position in front of the net later in the period and after successive sweeps at it, finally banged the puck into the net for what turned out to be the winning tally.

Splurge Means Big Win for Fords Down Merchants 7-3 on Saturday

BRADFORD, Saturday, January 24—Clicking for three goals within 30 seconds during the second last minute of play, the powerful Bradford "Brads-Fords" scored a 7-3 triumph over the Milton Merchants in a Central Ontario Intermediate "B" fixture here tonight.

The Fords posted a 1-0 first period lead on the goal by George Davis and held the visiting Merchants scoreless until 11.45 in the middle frame when Jack Price converted a pass from Stu Hannant into the Bradford net. Frazor Dunn, hard working forward with the Fords, again gave Bradford the lead a minute later, driving the puck into the netting behind Fred Leriche.

Freddie added another to his fine performances recently in a spectacular effort tonight in the Milton net. Laurie Thoms was off with a holding charge when Cracker Evans rounded the defence and tied the count with rearguards Walt Wilson and Joe McCann also in on the play.

Tied in Final
The two clubs were equal at 2-2 entering the final stanza. Bradford hit for a pair of tallies early in the period as George Davis netched his second of the night and Gary Vasey put the Fords in front 4-2. Right winger Art Melanson cut down the lead minutes later when the Fords' Collins was in the penalty box for a tripping sentence, counting one on a play from Stu Hannant and Joe McCann.

The Merchants did everything but get the equalizer after this but failed and with only a minute and 37 seconds to go in the game, the big three for Bradford, first Laurie Thoms, then Don Gibson, and then playing coach Norm Dowdall.

Acton Drops Milton High Schoolers 6-3

Milton high school's hockey team lost a 6-3 encounter to the Acton high school after Tuesday afternoon at the Acton natural ice palace. Don Currie scored all three Milton tallies, two unassisted with Mills as the helper on the second of his goals.

Acton sharpshooters were Don Lindsay (2), Pete Lawson, Wayne Ridley (2), and Ron Malcolm. Milton's 2-1 lead ended in the start of the second period and the locals were behind all the rest of the way.

Sportsmen Take 4-2 Win Finals Start Next Week

The Milton Sportsmen spotted Orangeville Cubs two first period goals Tuesday night and then came back to score three second period goals plus one third period goal to win 4-2 in a regular scheduled tri-county juvenile league game at Milton arena.

Elgin Foot Out
Elgin Murray, who has been playing terrific hockey in the Sportsmen net again was spectacular on many plays and on one occasion was 15 feet out of his net with Orangeville players behind him but they still failed to put the puck in the net. Bruce Hood refereed the match and called six penalties to the two clubs in the fast moving game. Arnold McDuffe was linesman in the tilt.

Same Clubs in Playoffs
The two clubs, both entered in O.M.H.A. Juvenile 'B', are to meet in the playoffs to decide a delegate from this loop to go into the Ontario playoffs. The first game of the playoffs goes Wednesday at Orangeville with the second game being in Milton Friday night as an added highlight at the annual minor hockey night in Milton.

came through with big goals to put the game in the bag for the Fords.

Net Kinking Shines
The goal keeping was tremendous on both ends of the rink with Milton's Leaver really shining and Bradford's Orr also coming up with those big saves. The win gave Bradford a four win - one loss record with Milton and the two have only one game left with each other in the regular schedule, that one at Milton during their minor hockey week. The game will be played at eight o'clock on Tuesday, February 3 and all the kids in the minor hockey program in Milton are invited as guests.

11 Penalties
Referee Stan Boskier called a total of 11 minor penalties in the fast moving game with the Fords drawing six of these. Milton had a 10 minute misconduct added to their five minors when the chippy defence stalwart Johnny Botter slapped at the puck on his way to the penalty box to serve a minor for slashing.

Bradford 7 - Milton 3

First Period
B. Davis (Thoms) 1:13
Pens: Heisel, hooking, 16:26; Botter, slashing and 10 minute misconduct, 17:27.

Second Period
M. Price (Hannant) 11:45
B. Dunn (Collings) 12:56
M. Evans (McCann, Wilson) 19:06
Pens: Vasey, tripping, 47; Dowdall, tripping, 3:28; McCann, elbowing, 5:31; Botter, elbowing and Lotic, roughing, 14:32; Thoms, holding, 16:12.

Third Period
B. Davis (Thoms) 3:51
B. Vasey (Dowdall, Falls) 7:46
M. Melanson (Hannant, Evans) 10:25
B. Thoms (Gibson, Davis) 18:24
B. Gibson (Patton) 18:41
B. Dowdall (Gibson, Vasey) 18:54
Pens: Collings, tripping, 9:13; Botter, hooking, 10:49; Lotic, tripping, 16:22.

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Detroit Red Wings to Attend Milton Minor Hockey Shindig

General Manager Jack Adams of the Detroit Red Wing Hockey Club advised Art Snarr of the Milton Juvenile Sportsmen that a number of the Red Wings would attend the Rotary Minor Hockey Night, Friday, February 6 at Milton Arena.

The Red Wings presently battling for a play-off spot in the NHL are scheduled to play in Toronto the Saturday following Minor Hockey night and the players attending will fly up from Detroit a day early. The team generally arrives in Toronto the day of the game.

Sports Team

This week's issue of the Champion includes 17 sports articles plus 15 sports pictures, indicative of the growth of sports activities and readership in the town and district.

Bruce Hood, who writes most of the sports stuff weekly, Art Snarr who pens the info on the juvenile games, staff writers and photographers who fill in the empty spots with type and pictures, and numerous other behind-the-scenes sports enthusiasts help to bring this weekly roundup of sporting activities to you.

They have formed an unbeatable team to give readers the news... and views... of the local sporting world.

Howe to Appear
Tentative plans are for Gordie Howe, Red Kelly, and two or three unnamed Red Wings to put in an appearance.

Rookies in the NHL generally are not permitted to make personal appearances during the playing season so it is doubtful if Charlie Burns, the sensational rookie will accompany the Detroit contingent.

Waive Rules
The Red Wing executive appears to have waived a rule in professional hockey that no playing member of a team can make a personal appearance the night before a game in order to allow the Red Wings to appear at this second annual Milton Minor Hockey Night.

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A few days ago, for instance, I was talking to a salesman friend of mine and the conversation got around to why some cars seemed to be so hard on gas. "Not always the fault of the car," said my friend Joe who is on the road five days a week. Then he went into a long discourse on the gas-consuming driving habits he's observed during years of highway travelling.

It all boils down to a few "DOS" and "DONT'S". For example, always get under way moderately and smoothly by depressing the accelerator until your car attains the desired speed. **Keep a steady foot on the accelerator, instead of pumping it up or down to maintain the speed of traffic.** When approaching a red light that is about to turn green adjust your speed to avoid stopping. Or, if a light is changing to red coast up to it with your foot off the gas.

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